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#### KUROPATKIN'S REPORT.

Attributes Losses on the Yalu to Superiority of the Japanese Artillery.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 3. 7:35 P. M.—General Kuropatkin's official report, dated May 2, says General Zassaltch's force retreated in good order, eventually leaving the losses on the Yalu to the superiority of the Japanese artillery. The number of casualties or of the guns lost are not specified by the general.

According to information just obtained from the general staff, General Zassaltch's entire force at the Yalu consisted of fifteen rifle battalions of 800 men each and five batteries of forty guns. One regiment of three battalions and two batteries stationed at Antung, did not participate in Sunday's fight, and retired without loss. The heights of Kiu-Jien-Cheng and Hsiao-Cheng were held by four regiments and four batteries, by 16,000 men and 32 guns against 8,000 Japanese and 100 guns, in addition to sixteen twelve-pounders siege guns landed from the gunboats. These guns are considered by the Russians to have been responsible for General Zassaltch's defeat as the Russian guns were of a field pattern, with some mountain pieces.

The general staff asserts that General Zassaltch had no reserves nearer than Feng-Wang-Cheng. Reserves, it is added, were unnecessary, as General Zassaltch's mission was only to delay the Japanese, which he did to impede the Japanese advance. "It is like General Kuropatkin's luck that General Zassaltch should be such a headstrong commander," said an officer. It is admitted by the general staff that the Japanese flanking move affected the whole of the Russian position, and that the Russian guns were of a field pattern, with some mountain pieces.

The Emperor is understood to be greatly grieved over the losses sustained on the Yalu. Those who have seen his majesty, say that he was dumfounded when he was informed of the heavy fighting, which attended the passage of the river. As well understood here, General Kuropatkin's programme did not contemplate such resistance to the Japanese advance. It is said, moreover, that Kuropatkin himself was equally surprised and so charmed over the success of the Russian commander at the front was probably deceived in his estimate of the strength of General Kuropatkin's artillery, being in entire ignorance that 42 guns had been posted and put into position, from which he had the greatest difficulty in extricating his men. The only consolation for the loss of the guns is that without their breech locks they are of no value to the enemy.

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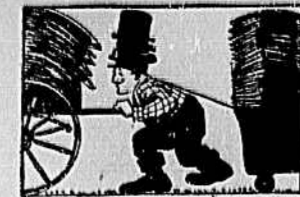
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serve, it was impossible for them to reach the advanced force in time, and our men retired from the principal position to another position in the rear of the Japanese, who could make up their minds to descend from the crest they occupied and face the fire of our batteries at Potietchinsk. They dug fire trenches and opened a heavy artillery fire on our new position, and began to turn our left flank towards Clin Gou.

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"At the present, eight hundred wounded, including fourteen officers, have been brought to the hospital at Feng Wang Cheng. Their eventual transportation elsewhere is fully assured.

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